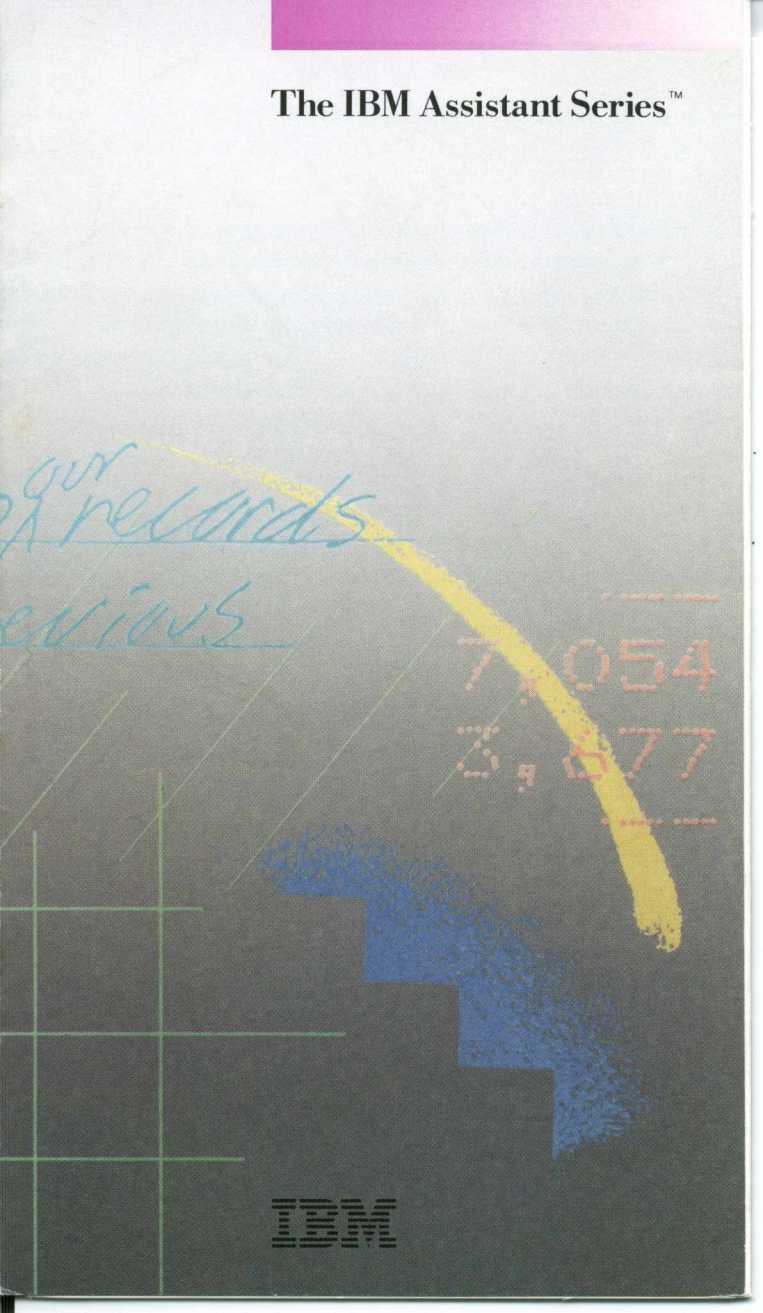
The IBM Assistant Series™



The IBM Assistant Series

- *IBM Filing Assistant® Version 2.00,* an automated filing system that provides quick access to records.
- *IBM Reporting Assistant™ Version 2.00,* which helps turn IBM Filing Assistant information into professional-looking reports.
- *IBM Graphing Assistant™ Version 2.00,* which helps convert detailed data into easy-to-understand charts and graphs.
- *IBM Writing Assistant™ Version 2.00,* a word processing program for creating, revising and printing many kinds of documents.
- *IBM DisplayWrite Assistant,™* a word processing program that works in conjunction with many other IBM PC programs.
- *IBM Planning Assistant™ Version 2.00,* an electronic spreadsheet for planning and analyzing financial data.
- *IBM Drawing Assistant,™* which turns the screen into a "video canvas" for creating full-color artwork.
- *IBM Project Assistant,™* a scheduling program for tracking one project—or several.
- *IBM Document Retrieval Assistant,™* a file finder that can help eliminate time-consuming searches for data.
- *IBM Mainframe Communication Assistant™ Version 1.05,* which brings information from mainframes, public data bases, and other IBM PCs to a desktop.
- *IBM Voice/Phone Assistant,™* which puts a sophisticated telephone answering service inside an IBM PC.

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They've been enhanced (Version 2.00)

- Overlapping panels of on-screen instructions and menus don't interrupt the current application.
- Specific Help screens guide the user through a choice of dozens of program functions.
- A "Quick Save" feature bypasses the main menu to save a file directly from an application.
- Programs can be started and files accessed without having to move through several menu levels.
- Programs can be backed up on diskette or fixed disk more conveniently than ever.
- Each program package contains a 5.25-inch program diskette and a 3.5-inch program diskette for full IBM PC compatibility.

They work together

- Information from one IBM Assistant Series program file can be transferred directly to others, without having to re-key data.
- Text and numbers from IBM Filing Assistant or IBM Planning Assistant can be converted to colorful charts and illustrations by using IBM Graphing Assistant or IBM Drawing Assistant.
- Words, figures, charts and artwork from several IBM Assistant Series programs can be combined into one document for striking presentations.
- IBM Assistant Series data can be merged with other IBM PC programs that support RFTDCA, ASCII, DIF or SYLK data formats.

They're easy to use

- Simple, plain-English screen menus make it easy to move from one program function to another.
- On-screen Help menus can be accessed by pressing a key.
- Quick Reference Cards come with each IBM Assistant Series program for easy start-ups.

System Requirements Chart

Program	IBM Filing Assistant Version 2.00, Reporting Assistant Version 2.00, Graphing Assistant Version 2.00, Writing Assistant Version 2.00, Planning Assistant Version 2.00, and IBM Project Assistant	IBM DisplayWrite Assistant
Supported Systems	PC XT PPC PC*jr* AT PCC	PC XT PPC AT PCC 3270 RT
Lowest DOS Version Required[1]	2.10 for 5.25-inch diskettes; 3.20 for 3.5-inch diskettes	2.10 for 5.25-inch diskettes; 3.20 for 3.5-inch diskettes
Minimum Memory Required	256KB	256KB
Required Drives	One 5.25-inch, double-sided diskette drive for 5.25-inch diskettes; one 3.5-inch diskette drive for 3.5-inch diskettes	Two 5.25-inch, double-sided diskette drives (or one double-sided diskette drive and one fixed disk drive) for 5.25-inch diskettes; two 3.5-inch diskette drives for 3.5-inch diskettes
Other Requirements	The IBM 3.5″ External Diskette Drive is required to use 3.5-inch program and data diskettes with the IBM PC, PC XT, Personal Computer AT, or *Portable* PC. IBM Reporting Assistant requires IBM Filing Assistant Version 2.00.	The IBM 3.5″ External Diskette Drive is required to use 3.5-inch program and data diskettes, with the IBM PC, PC XT, Personal Computer AT, or *Portable* PC.
Comments	The programs support TopView Versions 1.00 and 1.10 (1.10 only for IBM Project Assistant), IBM PC Local Area Network 1.00 and 1.10, and the IBM Accounting Assistant Series. Fixed disk storage is supported. The IBM 7371 and 7372 plotters can be used to plot IBM Graphing Assistant and IBM Project Assistant output.	The program supports: IBM PC Local Area Network Version 1.10; IBM Token-Ring Network; IBM System/36 PC Support/36; IBM System/38 PC Support/38; IBM PC 5250 Emulation Program, Version 1, Modification Level 2; IBM Enhanced 5250 Emulation Program, Version 2.10; IBM PROFS PC Support; TopView Version 1.10; IBM PC 3270 Emulation Program, Entry Level; IBM PC 3270 Emulation Program, Version 2.00; IBM 3270 PC Control Program, Version 2.10; IBM 3270 PC Graphics Control Program, Versions 1.12 and 3.20; and IBM Personal Services/PC, Version 1.04. Fixed disk storage is supported.
Supported IBM displays:		
	• IBM PC Convertible Liquid Crystal Display • IBM PC Convertible Monochrome Display (with IBM PC Convertible CRT Display Adapter) • IBM PC Convertible Color Display (with IBM PC Convertible CRT Display Adapter)	• IBM Personal Computer Color Display (with IBM Color/Graphics Monitor Adapter or IBM Enhanced Graphics Adapter) • IBM Enhanced Color Display (with IBM Enhanced Graphics Adapter) • IBM Monochrome Display (with IBM Monochrome Display and Printer Adapter or IBM Enhanced Graphics Adapter)	• IBM PC*jr* Color Display (not compatible with IBM DisplayWrite Assistant) • IBM *Portable* PC built-in display • Compatible 80-column monitor with appropriate adapter

PC IBM Personal Computer

XT IBM Personal Computer XT

PPC IBM *Portable* Personal Computer

PC*jr* IBM PC*jr*

AT IBM Personal Computer AT

PCC IBM PC Convertible

3270 IBM 3270 Personal Computer and IBM 3270 Personal Computer AT

RT IBM RT Personal Computer

IBM Drawing Assistant	IBM Document Retrieval Assistant	IBM Mainframe Communication Assistant Version 1.05	IBM Voice/Phone Assistant
PC XT PPC PCjr AT	PC XT PPC PCjr AT	PC XT PPC PCjr AT PCC	PC XT AT
2.00	2.00	2.10 for 5.25-inch diskettes; 3.20 for 3.5-inch diskettes	2.10
256KB	192KB	256KB	256KB
One 5.25-inch, double-sided diskette drive	One 5.25-inch, double-sided diskette drive	One 5.25-inch, double-sided diskette drive for 5.25-inch diskettes; one 3.5-inch diskette drive for 3.5-inch diskettes	Two 5.25-inch, double-sided diskette drives (or one double-sided diskette drive and one fixed disk drive)
The IBM Enhanced Graphics Adapter is required with the IBM Monochrome Display.	—	The IBM 3.5″ External Diskette Drive is required to use 3.5-inch program and data diskettes, with the IBM PC, PC XT, Personal Computer AT, or *Portable* PC.	The IBM PC Voice Communications Option and an attached telephone and line are required. A minimum of 320KB of memory is required to operate the synthetic-voice Help function under DOS 2.10 or 3.00, 384KB of memory under DOS 3.10 or 3.20.
An IBM-compatible mouse is recommended.	A fixed disk will enhance the program's synonym function.	With additional memory, IBM Mainframe Communication Assistant and another application may run concurrently in the TopView environment.	A microphone and speaker are optional. The program supports TopView 1.00 and 1.10.

Supported IBM printers:

- IBM Color Jetprinter
- IBM Proprinter
- IBM Proprinter XL
- IBM PC Compact Printer (not compatible with IBM DisplayWrite Assistant)
- IBM Quietwriter Printer*
- IBM Wheelprinter*
- IBM Wheelprinter E*
- IBM PC Convertible Printer
- IBM Color Printer
- IBM Graphics Printer
- IBM 5140 System Printer

*These are text-only printers and cannot be used with IBM Graphing Assistant Version 2.00.

[1]The chart indicates the DOS versions that are supported on each personal computer from IBM.

DOS Version	PC	XT	PPC	PCjr	AT	PCC
2.10	•	•	•	•		
3.00	•	•	•		•	
3.10	•	•	•		•	
3.20	•	•	•		•	•

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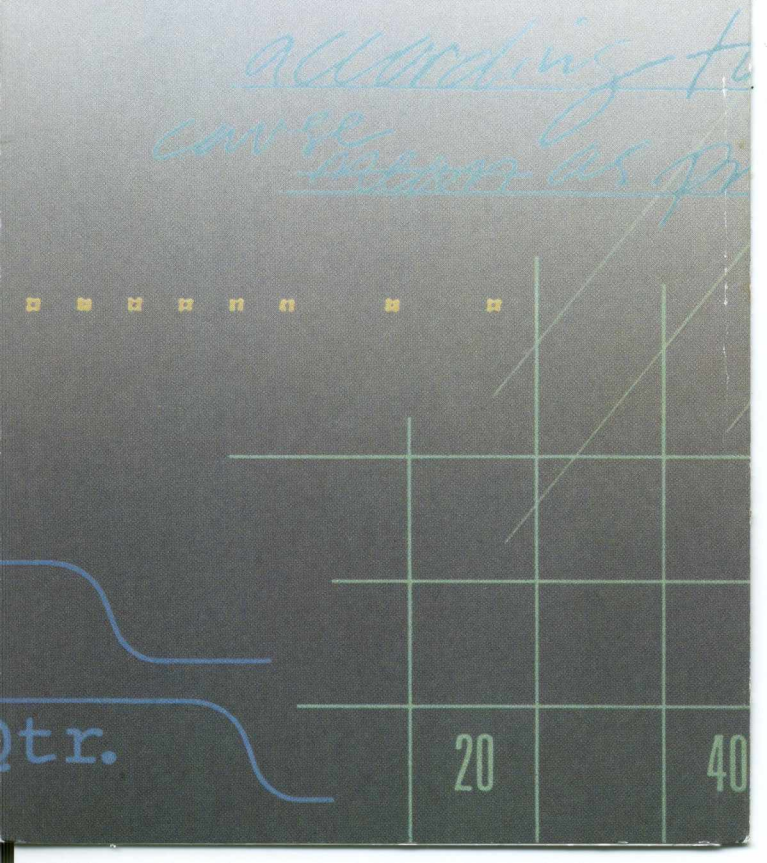
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